

San Diego DX Club Bulletin



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This picture of Rusty, AF6WF, was during All Asia SSB contest at NT6X

Rusty was trying to beat WN6K in "books per hour read" during contest lulls

The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since it's founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved "Top of the Honor Roll" status. If you're interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow "Big Guns" or "Little Pistols", you'll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome!

For real time DX spotting and lively conversation on a variety of subjects, join us on 144.415 MHz.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Our own, Pat Bunsold, WA6MHZ will be showing photos and talking about his DXpedition to Taiwan

SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTICE:

**JOIN US AT THE SIZZLER, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road,
San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 278-6988**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

SOCIAL HOUR, 5:00 P.M.

DINNER, 5:30 P.M.

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A Word from the Prez . . .

Wild Bill, WB6BFG



Greetings DXers,

I hope this finds everyone in good spirits and that you are working the good DX that is on currently. E30FB, S79LCA, TY1AA, ZD9XF/ZD9ZS to name a few. Conditions seem to be up a bit when compared to earlier in the month. For those looking to find out what else is on the radio, check out NG3K's web-site <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

Let's hope that conditions hold up while those operations are going on and for 2014 CQ WW RTTY DX Contest September 27-28 <http://goo.gl/hYNK2O> at the end of the month.

This month's meeting will be at The Sizzler and our presentation will be by Pat Bunsold, WA6MHZ. He will talk about his DXpedition to Taiwan. Please join us for an evening of fun, food and camaraderie!

Thanks to John Barcroft, K6AM. He showed a great collection of photos and talked about his experience at WRTC 2014 in Boston last month.

I hope that those that had chance to ARRL Southwestern Division Convention had a good time. I heard that it was interesting. We were out of the country so didn't have a chance to make it.

The 49th Annual CQP is right around the corner. 1600 UTC October 4, 2014 to 2200 UTC October 5, 2014. <http://www.cqp.org/> Pacificon is coming up next month as well - October 10-12, 2014. It will be held in Santa Clara: Marriott Santa Clara Hotel 2700 Mission College Blvd. Santa Clara, California <http://www.pacificon.org/>

I heard that CDX for the All Asian DX Phone Sept 6-7 and WAE DX Sept 13-14 were rather poor to say the least. No thanks to the two powerful CMEs on September 11 and 12 hit Earth, producing a G3 class geomagnetic storm. The result was a planetary A index of 44 on Friday, and during the final three hours of the UTC day (2:00 PM to 5:00 PM PDT) the planetary K index reached 7, which is very high. It will be interesting to hear the round table reports.

If you find yourself with entirely too much time of your hands, here's a humorous find on YouTube. Jean Shepherd WOR Radio 'Lightning Hits the Ham Radio' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akyTVNorXQ8>

Please remember that the club's newsletter is only as good as the information Ron receives, so just take the time to submit any DX related stories, tall tales, and musings of a madman or crazy lady for his consideration.

73, Wild Bill, WB6BFG

Vice President Report

John, NA6L

Mini Dayton comes to San Diego.

How many of you were able to attend the 2014 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention Held September 12-14 ?

Hopefully many of you who did get to the convention were able to tour the vendor exhibits, absorb some of the excellent presentations and enjoy some face time with your fellow HAMs.

When I picked up my registration packet there were about 350 attendees preregistered and there was a steady stream of onsite registrations during the event so it is possible that as many as 500 HAMS may have attended over the three days.

The vendor exhibit area had a steady flow of interested operators and the seminars were very well attended, for an example on Saturday there were five simultaneous programs running every hour all day long. Over all, I'd say that the convention was a success and I certainly had a great time.

Our club was very well represented by members that gave some excellent presentations, including the following. We have some naturally talented presenters.

Pat WA6MHZ - The Ultimate GO-KIT, Radio Restoring (ya' think?)

Harry W6YOO - DX 101, IOTA

Dennis N6KI - Calling home during the Viet Nam War

and

John NA6L (yours truly) - Let Your Computer Do the DX Work

The Exhibit Hall was filled by several of the major manufacturers including Icom, Yaesu, Flex, Elecraft (Kenwood had to scratch due to an emergency) and HRO was there with a large booth stocked

with goodies and familiar faces. There were about 22 vendors/exhibitors in the exhibit area and it was great to spend quality time asking questions directed to the principals from many of the companies.

If you did miss the Convention it will not be back for another four years. It really is a "mini-Dayton" in our own backyard and well worth attending!

On a different note closer to home

HOLIDAY PARTY VENUE NEEDED

Is there one of you that could be persuaded into will volunteering your QTH as a location for the SDDXC Holiday Party?

The club provides the food, beverage, tables, chairs, decorations and other needed items to make this event a fun get together. I've only been to one Holiday party and the board and members also took care of the setup, breakdown and cleanup.

Please email me off of the reflector (or call six one niner 306 7897) if you fall into any of the following categories:

#1. Love to share my QTH, happy to help the club and to foster camaraderie.

#2. Could be talked into hosting as a venue and need more details.

#3. Twist my arm and I'm a possibility.

#4. Consider me a last resort prior to booking the party at a restaurant or cancelling the event.

#5. Let me come to the NA6L QTH and work some tasty DX and my house is all yours for the party.

I don't have the time and date firmed up yet but I'm working on it.

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Secretary/Treasurer Reports

Ellen, N6UWW



Secretary's Report

We are looking for somebody to take over the position of Editor for the Club Bulletin. Anybody interested please contact Ron - N0RR or Wild Bill - WB6BFG as the Editor (Ron) is anxious to retire from this job.

We are also looking for someone to host the club's Holiday Party. Check your calendars & follow up with John NA6L to schedule and arrange all the details.

Meeting Minutes

The August 27th meeting was conducted by Wild Bill - WB6BFG at Sizzler at Murphy Canyon & Aero Dr.

Old Business: Wayne NN6R gave an update on the club t-shirts and hats. One large red shirt is still available and your name and callsign can be added. Mike NA6MB gave an update on the Poway Antenna Ordinance (hams won! 65' with only a building permit) Thanks were given to all who assisted in the effort.

So Cal DX Summer Bash review. 2006 ARRL Handbook w/ CD auctioned off (thanks to Wayne NN6R for donating it) - \$10 went to club treasury.

Ron N0RR put together a questionnaire for members and N0RR will prepare a PowerPoint for presentation to the group in the near future. The Board will review the surveys and attempt to tailor the group to meet the desires of the members.

New Business: None

Round Table Discussion

Treasurer's Report

Statement Balance: 8/29/2014 \$6740.34

Ellen, N6UWW

Editor's Ramblings

Thanks to John K6AM, Dave W6AQ, Tom N6JOJ, Dennis N6KI, Pat WA6MHZ, Wayne NN6R, Robert KI6SBL, Joe W6VNR, Jim W6YA and all the members who responded to the July questionnaire for providing inputs this month.

This is my 21st issue. It has been fun, but the December 2014 issue is my absolute final issue. If no one volunteers there will be no January 2015 issue. I suggest a retired person who can dedicate 4+ hours per issue. My desire to include local items of interest and member specific content is becoming very difficult to sustain. For example, this month I received a few short inputs beyond the obligatory executive inputs.

I must confess once again I totally under-estimated the time to consolidate and analyze the questionnaires. The problem are the differences between the hard copies and the on-line versions and the diversity of answers in the open ended questions. Therefore I was only able to analyze and summarize a few more questions and answers. I'll present the data at the September meeting.

The fundamental problem is that I'd rather spend my time tuning for and working DX now that Fall conditions are here and DXpeditions are abundant.

Ron, N0RR

CW is not just a mode, it is a lifestyle

The SDDXC Top Ten
By John, K6AM

The Top 10 ate too much at the summer bash and is taking the month off. But CQP is right around the corner so here's last year's results for inspiration.

SDDXC RESULTS
2013 CALIFORNIA QSO PARTY

CLASS	CALL	SCORE	CW QSO'S	SSB QSO'S	TOT QSO'S	ML TS	FINISH
SO HP	K6NA (N6ED op)	302,568	1,031	1,155	2,186	56	1 st place SD County SOHP Wine winner
SO LP	K6AM	219,820	886	598	1484	57	1 st place CA SOLP 1 st place SD County SOLP Wine winner
SO LP	WN6K	162,540	967	0	967	56	1 st place SD County SOHP CW
SO LP	NN3V	54,000	0	500	500	54	1 st place SD County SOLP SSB
M/S E	K6QK *	291,015	1,054	927	1,981	58	1 st place CA M/S 1 st place CA M/S EXP
M/S E	NX6T *	271,662	1,035	830	1,865	57	2 nd place CA M/S 2 nd place CA M/S EXP

NX6T ops = N6KI, WA3IHV, K4RB, N6CY, K6GO, NA6MB, AF6WF, K6KAL, W2PWS, WA2OOB

* K6QK ops = N7CW, K6ZH, NN6X, N6ERD

The rivalry between the K6QK memorial team and The San Diego Contest Club, NX6T continued with both teams setting up field day style. NX6T was in north SD County and the K6QK gang was out at the castle on I-8 just across the Imperial Co. line.

The 48th running of the CQP is slated for October 4-5, 2014. It runs from 1600 UTC Oct 5 to 2200 UTC Oct 6. Go to cq.org for rules, county abbreviations and all the other details. Last year's top scorers from our club are already putting finishing touches on their plans for 2014.

So I'm sitting at this DX Breakfast watching a show that Arnie, N6HC, has put together on the recent Amsterdam Island DXpedition when suddenly all went dark! The guys are on the island and they've got to hustle to get out of there because a big storm is brewing out of Antarctica. Are they going to be stuck on the island? Will they escape back to the civilization of Perth, VK6? I'll never know, because some guy came in and took Arnie's projector. Just unplugged it and whisked it off! For me, it was another convention first! Never before has a projector disappeared right at the climactic moment! Arnie tried narrating pictures that weren't there, but everybody just sat, staring at a black screen. I don't know what the mystery man needed the projector for, but it clearly wasn't something as important as DX. As we all know, nothing is as important as DX!

73, Dave, W6AQ



How's DX?

This page consists of historical data so members can share information or brag about their accomplishments. For real time info, monitor the club 2m spotting frequency, 144.415 MHz. For future DX info subscribe to the ARRL weekly DX bulletin and/or W3UR's newsletter.

Fall has arrived and conditions improved. More DX reported this month

Station	Date	Time	Band	By	Station	Date	Time	Band	By
4S7AB	14-Sep	1812	17 CW	NN6R	TY1AA	various	various	12,17,21	NN6R
4Z1IW	14-Sep	1545	10 CW	N0RR	V5/DK1CE	14-Sep	1431	10 CW	N0RR
7X2GK	18-Sep	1851	15 SSB	N6JOJ	VK9AN	21-Sep	1214	40 CW	N0RR
A25TQ	13-Sep	1516	10 CW	N0RR	VK9AN	21-Sep	1307	30 CW	N0RR
A25TQ	16-Sep	1426	14 SSB	NN6R	VK9NT	18-Sep	0415	20 SSB	N6JOJ
A71BI	11-Sep	0142	14 SSB	NN6R	VK9NT	19-Sep	0201	10 CW	N0RR
E30FB	19-Sep	0122	20 SSB	N6JOJ	VR2XMT	19-Sep	0127	15 SSB	N6JOJ
EY7AD	19-Sep	0212	15 SSB	N6JOJ	VU2CSI	10-Sep	1500	21 SSB	NN6R
HZ1HZ	15-Sep	1456	12 CW	NN6R	VU2NKS	7-Sep	1504	17 CW	NN6R
JY5CI	16-Sep	0152	14 SSB	NN6R	ZD9XF	20-Sep	0633	40 CW	N0RR
OY1R	17-Sep	2133	20 SSB	N6JOJ	ZD9ZS	16-Sep	1415	14 SSB	NN6R
RI1ANT	21-Sep	1337	80 CW	N0RR	ZL7X	12-Sep	1227	40 CW	N0RR
TY1AA	13-Sep	0538	40 CW	N0RR	ZL7X	14-Sep	0219	10 CW	N0RR
TY1AA	20-Sep	1627	10 CW	N0RR					

Most Recent QSO from San Diego County

	Zone 14	Zone 15	Zone 16
12m	Need inputs here		
10m	DK7LX 14 Sept 14	SP4INT 6 April 14	UA3ICF 9 Mar 14

Caught a few new ones for me this past month. The ARRL SW Convention was nice to catch up with Ol' friends for eye ball qso's

I am leaving for my other QTH in ZF, ZF2aH in mid Oct for participation in CQWWSSB and ARRL160M and ARRL10M contests. It will be nice to get to somewhere that is NOT 95F everyday. Like only 85 tops. Water temp===81F--thats right ol friend.

Best 73's to all

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We, Jacek SP5EAQ and Marcin SP5ES, are planning to be QRV from Tokelau (ZK3) from the 8th of October 2014 till the end of month on 80-10m bands. Jacek operates SSB only, while Marcin does SSB and CW. The activity is planned for the period of three weeks, however, the exact dates may change due to the uncertainty of the transportation.

We have already been granted required entry approvals for the Nukunonu atoll. Tokelau visas, preliminary ship booking and local accommodation have also been secured. We expect to get ZK3Q (SP5EAQ) and ZK3E (SP5ES) call signs, which will be confirmed upon arrival at ZK3. Some activity from Apia (5W) is planned on the return leg of the trip, in early November 2014.

There is foreseen participation in CQ WW SSB and Oceania DX Contest.

Both of us are experienced hams (over 35 years licensed, and both holders of DXCC Honor Roll) and DXpeditioners. Jacek's previous activity includes A3EAQ, T30AQ, 3D2MJ, and ZL7/SP5EAQ. Marcin's previous activity includes CR1M from Azores. He also specializes in the World Flora & Fauna program, operating over 350 times from over 130 different [WFF](#) object (Flora & Fauna Program) entities, many of them activated for the first time. He is also a member of SN2B – multi contest team.

While we are prepared to meet all the DXpedition financial challenges, we are seeking sponsorship and donations from individuals, DX Clubs and organizations towards any air excess baggage charges (known to be very high), printing QSL cards, and similar expenses including boat tickets and insurance. This expedition is clearly more expensive than the previous ones due to complexity of transportation and floating dates, which make advance 5W travel and accommodation booking impossible. At the moment we have valid flight tickets up to Apia up with the total budget reaching 10,000 Euro, your donations may help a lot.

We plan that QSL service would be processed via all possible channels – bureau, direct, LotW and also OQRS is planned.

We will observe the Code of Conduct.

We offer to put information about our sponsors on the internet page and QSL cards.

In the case, if DXpedition due some reasons could be not provided, we will return to sponsors all funds received.

Any info from your organization would be appreciated, also if would be negative.

Best 73,

Marcin Adamowicz SP5ES

Robert Kitson, KI6SBL, is writing and presenting a speech on November 4, 2014 entitled:

Why HAM Radio in a World of the Internet and Cell Phones

He needs thoughts and opinions from Amateur Radio Operators across San Diego. This will help him represent the HAM experience and purpose through the input of those working the bands.

Please email your thoughts to:

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Robert Kitson is a past president of EARS and former representative to SANDARC.

I just found a new article about an old acquaintance who connected ham radio (me) with dentistry (me again). It's about a dentist in Ventura, CA who was very famous in his field, teaching concepts in occlusion and developing new ideas and instruments. I was in his classes in 1980, just a year before he died.

Not many dentists who knew him were aware of the fact that he was a radio ham and very involved with long range radio transmissions from China before, during and after WWII. He and his dedicated wife were the connection that provided the only news out of China during the Japanese invasion, and later during the Chinese Revolution.

[For those of you who are hams, his call was W6GRL. In the '30s, '40s, and early '50s he was at or near the top of the DXCC list.]

<http://www.boomcalifornia.com/2014/03/radio-free-china/>

Jim McCook
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